Sale of vacant land by M/s. Jessop & Co.

1431. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether vacant land of M/s. Jessop & Co. has been sold to Metro Railway Authorities recently;

(b) if so, the details of the same including the area of the land and the selling price;

(c) whether Jessop is having similar land as its asset; and

(d) if so, the total area of such salcable land available with M/s. Jessop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Metro Railway Authorities intend to take about 5.5 acres of land at an agreed price of about Rs. 1.8 crore per acre. Besides, Metro Railway Authorities will bear the cost of shifting of Workshop & related facilities to be carried out by Jessop to facilitate handing over of land in vacant condition.

(c) and (d) At present, no saleable land is available.

Amended VRS

1432. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) which has been amended by Government with a view to reducing the number of employees in public sector undertakings;

(b) the details of the number of employees opting for voluntary retirement scheme during the last tent years, PSU-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to make the said scheme more liberal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) The Government have announed some amendments to the existing VRS through OM No. 2(32)/97- DPE(WC)-GL-LVI dated 6th November, 2001 only. These amended provisions grant higher ex- gratia to employees of PSUs where pay scales were not revised after 1.1.87 or 1.1.92. The salient features are:

(a) Ex-gratia payment in respect of employees on pay scale at 1.1.1987 and 1.1.1992 levels, computed on their existing pay scales in accordance with the extant scheme, shall be increased by 100% and 50% respectively.

(b) the option of the Gujarat or the DHI pattern shall be available to the employees of marginally profit/loss making, as well as sick and unviable units.

Enterprise-wise information about the number of employees opting for VRS since inception of the scheme in October, 1988 till 31.3.2001 is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Number of Central Public Sector Employees who opted for VRS till 31st March, 2001

S.No.	Name of PSE	
1.	Air India Ltd.	17
2.	Andaman & Nicobar Isl. Forest & Plant. Dev. Corp. Ltd.	4
3.	Andrew Yule & Company Ltd.	670
4.	Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.	815
5.	Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	643
6.	Bengal Immunity Ltd.	361
7.	Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd.	1245
8.	Bharat Brakes & Valves Ltd.	307
9.	Bharat Dynamics Ltd.	233
10.	Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.	2940
11.	Bharat Electronics Ltd.	4482
12.	Bharat Gold Mines Ltd.	4901
13.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	9861
14.	Bharat Heavy Plate & Vessels Ltd.	936
15.	Bharat Leather Corpn. Ltd.	112
16.	Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd.	326

S.No.	Name of PSE	
17.	Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineers Ltd.	988
18.	Bharat Pumps & Compressors Ltd.	263
19.	Bharat Refractories Ltd.	931
20.	Bharat Wagon & Engineering Ltd.	142
21.	Biecco Lawrie Ltd.	521
22.	Birds, Jute & Exports Ltd.	32
23.	Braithwaite & Co. Ltd.	1405
24.	Bridge & Roof Co. (India) Ltd.	451
25.	British India Corporation Ltd.	2425
26.	Brushware Ltd.	33
27.	Burn Standard Company Ltd.	5068
28.	C.M.C. Ltd.	48
29.	Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	1124
30.	Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	605
31.	Central Cottage Industries Corpn. of India Ltd.	173
32.	Central Electronics Ltd.	122
33.	Central Inland Water Transport Corpn. Ltd.	1224
34.	Central Ware Housing Corpn. Ltd.	884
35.	Chennai Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.	38
36-44.	Coal India Ltd. (including 8 subsidiaries)	63813
45.	Cochin Shipyard Ltd.	245
46.	Cotton Corpn. of India Ltd.	13
47.	Cycle Corporation of India	2814
48.	Dredging Corpn. of India Ltd.	137
49.	Electronics Corpn. of India Ltd.	1495
50.	Electronics Trade & Technology Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	47
51.	Elgin Mills Company Ltd.	4648

S.No.	Name of PSE	
52.	Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.	200
53.	Engineering India Ltd.	126
54.	Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.	393
55.	Fertilizers Corporation of India Ltd.	1599
56.	Food Corporation of India Ltd.	18
57.	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.	425
58.	Goa Shipyard Ltd.	3
59.	H T L Ltd.	504
60.	Handicrafts & Handlooms Exports Corp. India Ltd.	155
61.	Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.	6941
62.	Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.	3369
63.	Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.	517
64.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.	3315
65.	Hindustan Copper Ltd.	12079
66.	Hindustan Fertilizer Corpn. Ltd.	1872
67.	Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.	263
68.	Hindustan Latex Ltd.	131
69.	Hindustan Newsprint Ltd.	79
70.	Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.	189
71.	Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd.	73
72.	Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Corpn. Ltd.	1324
73.	Hindustan Prefab Ltd.	570
74.	Hindustan Salts Ltd.	308
75.	Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.	2150
76.	Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.	14202
77.	Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corpn. Ltd.	2037
78.	Hindustan Zinc Ltd.	3002

S.No.	Name of PSE	
79.	HMT Ltd.	10454
80.	HMT (Bearings) Ltd.	203
81.	HMT (International) Ltd.	44
82.	Hooghly Dock and Port Engineering Ltd.	661
83.	Hooghly Printing Co. Ltd.	12
84.	Hotel Corporation of India Ltd.	91
85.	ITI Ltd.	6365
86.	I.B.P. Co.Ltd.	135
87.	India Tourism Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	973
88.	India Trade Promotion Organisation	69
89.	Indian Airlines Ltd.	232
90.	Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	3543
91.	Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.	2227
92.	Indian Oil Blending Ltd.	32
93.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	2413
94.	India Petro Chemicals Corpn. Ltd.	137
95.	Indian Rare Earths Ltd.	95
96.	Indian Road Construction Corpn. Ltd.	117
97.	Instrumentation Ltd.	1581
98.	IRCON (International) Ltd.	475
99.	Jessop & Co. Ltd.	1899
100.	Jute Corpn. of India Ltd.	217
101	Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	25
102	Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.	102
103	Madras Fertilizers Ltd.	242
104	Maharashtra Electrosmelt Ltd.	93
105	Mandya National Paper Mills Ltd.	950

S.No.	Name of PSE	
106	Manganese Ore (India) Ltd.	679
107	Mazagon Dock Ltd.	2566
108	Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (I) Ltd.	350
109	Mineral Exploration Corpn. Ltd.	4654
110	Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn.	4611
111	Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd.	63
112	MMTC Ltd.	1644
113	Nagaland Pulp & Paper Company Ltd.	336
114	National Aluminium Comapny Ltd.	28
115	National Bicycle Corpn. Ltd.	1289
116	National Bldg. Constn. Corpn. Ltd.	473
117	National Film Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	96
118	National Hydro Electric Power Corporation Ltd.	1155
119	National Industrial Dev. Corpn. Ltd.	140
120	National Instruments Ltd.	600
121	National Jute Manufacturers Corporation Ltd.	3385
122	National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd.	335
123	National Projects Construction Corpn. Ltd.	2306
124	National Seeds Corpn. Ltd.	768
125	National Small Scale Industries Corpn. Ltd.	472
126	National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd.	639
127	Nepa Ltd.	1238
128	Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.	2104
129	North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Dev. Corp. Ltd.	10
130	North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marktg. Corp. Ltd.	19
131	NTC (HC) Ltd.	38
132	NTC (Tamilnadu & Pondicherry) Ltd.	5215

S.No.	Name of PSE	
133	NTC (A. Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala & Mahe) Ltd.	8060
134	NTC (Delhi, Punjab & Rajasthan) Ltd.	3128
135	NTC (Gujarat) Ltd.	10238
136	NTC (Madhya Pradesh) Ltd.	8619
137	NTC (Maharashtra North) Ltd.	13479
138	NTC (South Maharashtra) Ltd.	12628
139	NTC (Uttar Pradesh) Ltd.	10664
140	NTC (West Bengal, Assam, Bihar & Orissa) Ltd.	9071
141	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.	4893
142	Oil India Ltd.	126
143	ONGC Videsh Ltd.	3
144	PEC Ltd.	35
145	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	25
146	Praga Tools Ltd.	540
147	Project & Development India Ltd.	719
148	Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.	864
149	Rajasthan Electomics & Instruments Ltd.	1
150	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd.	240
151	RBL Ltd.	264
152	Rehabilitation Industries Corpn. Ltd.	2209
153	Richardson & Crudas (1972) Ltd.	2672
154	Sambhar Salts Ltd.	126
155	Scooters India Ltd.	1098
156	Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd.	20
157	Smith Stanistreet & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	336
158	Spices Trading Corporation Ltd.	10
159	Sponge Iron India Ltd.	266

S.No.	Name of PSE	
160	State Farms Corpn.	389
161	State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	1065
162	Steel Authority of India	31073
163	Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd.	932
164	Tea Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	406
165	Triveni Structurals Ltd.	979
166	Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.	310
167	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.	1313
168	Vignyan Industries Ltd.	95
169	Weighbird India Ltd.	395
	TOTAL	369277

Protests against Screening of Film 'ASOKA' in Orissa

†1433.SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the protests lodged by common man in various cities of Orissa against screening of 'Asoka' a film directed by Santosh Sewan;

(b) if so, the basis of protests by the people of Orissa;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry regarding the disputed portions of the said film; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) There have been reports in the press about some incidents of protests, in some parts of Orissa, against alleged distortion of the socio-cultural image of Orissa.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.